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CONSUMER: **Sony PlayStation, Gadget Privacy, Gas Bill Complaint**

April 26, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Sony PlayStation" - Sony has millions of frustrated customers after an apparent cyber attack led to its PlayStation Network going off-line. The network lets gamers in different locations play together in real time. However, the company has suspended its service worldwide while it investigates the apparent cyber attack. The company is warning its PlayStation users that their personal information such as credit card numbers, email addresses and birthdates was compromised and may have been stolen. **May 10, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Gadget Privacy"** - Today, a Senate panel chaired by Minnesota Senator Al Franken, explored whether smart phones and tablets are invading our privacy. The panel asked Apple and Google about reports that iPhones, iPads with 3G and android phones secretly track and store their users' every move. The companies say the tracking devices are not meant to spy on customers, but rather to help them by providing directions to the nearest coffee shop or gas station. Senator Franken believes this information can be used in more sinister ways. He says consumers have the right to know what data about them is being collected as well as the right to decide if that information is being shared. **June 1, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Gas Bill Complaint"** - The State of Minnesota is going after CenterPoint Energy and the way it charges customers. Attorney General, Lori Swanson, says the company is to blame for a "spike" in some people's gas bills. She has asked the Public Utilities Commission to suspend and review the company's "tiered pricing program", where customers are charged based on the amount of gas they use rather than a flat rate. Swanson says the program affects senior

citizens, retirees and families who spend a lot of time at home, as well as people who live in older homes. In some cases, customers are being charged double what they used to pay during the winter months.

CRIME AND PUBLIC SAFETY: Victim Notification, Unusual Burglaries, Mortgage Fraud, After Hours Raid

April 12, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Victim Notification:” - Minnesota’s Department of Corrections and Public Safety is launching a new website called Minnesota Choice. It updates in real time the status of offenders, as to whether they’re in custody, if they’ve been released, transferred or picked up. It’s a way for victims, people who witness crimes, or those who have been affected by a crime to keep track of offenders who are in jail or prison. State officials have been testing out the website for a few months and officially started to launch it in conjunction with Crime Victims Awareness Week. It was paid for by a federal grant. **May 12, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Unusual Burglaries”** – Police are hoping to stop a string of home break-ins in the West Metro, including Edina, Minnetonka, Plymouth and Minneapolis. More than a dozen homes have been hit. The burglars apparently watched these homes and waited until the homeowners were gone. In most cases they cut the outside phone wires to disable security alarms and phones. Neighbors we talked with say the burglars are brazen, striking in the middle of the day. In Edina, large homes in the west and northwest section of the city were targeted. One thing common with most of these cases is that the burglars have gone right to the master bedroom where many women keep their jewelry. Police won’t give the exact amount the victims have lost but say it is substantial. **June 22, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Mortgage Fraud”** - Authorities say they’ve cracked a sophisticated mortgage fraud scheme in the Twin Cities. Hennepin County Attorney’s office has filed racketeering charges against four people accused of scamming millions of dollars from taxpayers and the government. The case involves recent sales of foreclosed properties and tens of millions of dollars in federally-guaranteed mortgages. Unlike past mortgage fraud cases where almost no documents were needed, these are FHA mortgages that require extensive documentation. The scheme involves counterfeit court documents, bogus college transcripts, bank statements, pay stubs and even fake employers. Investigators say people behind the scheme used straw buyers to purchase 65 properties in the Twin Cities from foreclosure sales. **June 23, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “After Hours Raid”** – Minneapolis police arrested nearly 100 people after raiding an after hours night club that was operating illegally. Police say the people who leased office space told the owner of the building they were a charitable organization and were raising money for the tornado victims in the North Minneapolis area. When officers raided the building, they found people selling alcohol. They also found guns and lots of drugs, including crack, ecstasy, heroin and cocaine.

GOVERNMENT: GOP Fly Around, Constitutional Amendments, Layoff Notices, Shutdown, Shutdown Latest

April 25, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “GOP Fly Around” – Time is running out for Minnesota lawmakers to come up with a plan to fix the state’s \$5 billion budget hole. Today, Republican leaders flew around the state promoting their ideas. They say it

comes down to two choices: live within our means and reform spending or raise taxes on some Minnesotans. Governor Mark Dayton wants to raise taxes on the state's wealthiest taxpayers. He says the GOP plan is still \$1 billion shy and doesn't make spending cuts entirely clear. **May 3, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Constitutional Amendments"** – Even though state legislators promised to focus on the deficit and come up with a budget before the end of the session, a wide range of constitutional amendments on some of the most contentious issues have been proposed. And, voters won't be deciding on them until the 2012 ballot. The latest constitutional amendments would strictly limit spending by requiring supermajorities to approve any budget above revenue projections. GOP leaders say legislators cannot be counted on to do it on their own. They have proposed a series of constitutional amendments including one requiring voters to show a photo ID, another making Minnesota a "right to work" state and a ban on gay marriage. The amendments are one way for Republicans to get around DFL Governor Mark Dayton, because amendments bypass a governor's signature and go directly to the ballot. Republicans say they are not introducing constitutional amendments to get out their voters in the 2012 Presidential election. In fact, Minnesota's voter turnout in 2008 was 78%, highest in the nation. **June 10, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Layoff Notices"** – This morning, tens of thousands of state workers will be getting layoff notices in the mail. Those notices have been sent to 36,000 state employees. Another 6,000 notices will be sent to state university and college employees. The government shutdown would start on July 1st if Governor Dayton the Republican leaders fail to reach a budget deal. The State Management and Budget Commission is in charge of shutdown planning and is asking the courts to keep "critical" workers, such as prison guards, on the job. At the Capitol, there is still no progress on a budget. Lawmakers spent part of the day playing the blame game. Republicans criticized the governor for proposing tax hikes and not saying what he'll do with the money. **June 23, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Shutdown"** – Marathon budget sessions between Governor Dayton and Republican leaders may not happen at all. At issue is the Governor's request to include Democratic legislative leaders in the sessions. They have until July 1st to pass a budget. The two sides are over \$100 million apart on K-12 education funding and over \$100 million on public transportation. Democrats want to close the final distance by raising taxes on the wealthiest 2% of Minnesotans. Republicans say this is already going to be one of the biggest spending packages in state history and could make Minnesota the second highest taxation state in the country. The Governor fires back by saying the well-being of the low and middle classes is at stake and Republicans need to compromise. **June 30, 2011, WCCO 4 News, "Shutdown Latest"** - Ramsey County Judge, Kathleen Gearin, has ruled that only a limited number of government services will continue if there is a government shutdown. The judge's order sharply limits what is, and is not, a core function of state government. She has ordered payments to continue for services to protect the public health and safety. Some of the essential services include prisons, the Minnesota State Patrol, aid to cities, nursing and veterans homes and Medicaid. Non-essential services include horse racing, child care, road construction, non-profits and the Minnesota Zoo. Judge Gearin's ruling comes as the governor and legislators meet again today, perhaps for the last time, to reach a budget deal and avert a government shutdown.

HEALTH: Skin Creams, Sunscreen, Blood Test

May 25, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Skin Creams” – The Minnesota Department of Health tested 23 facial creams and four soaps. Nearly a dozen of them had high levels of mercury. Some had 33,000 times the permissible level. The creams with the most dangerous levels of mercury are Fasco Herbal Cream and F-C Lemon Herbal Whitening Cream. The department is ordering stores to stop selling these products, which were sold as skin-lightening agents, mostly by Twin Cities retailers who primarily serve African American, Asian, Latino and Middle Eastern communities. People who have these products should stop using them immediately. Mercury can affect the kidneys and nervous system. **June 14, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Sunscreen”** – Companies that make sunscreen will soon have tougher rules to follow. Today, the Federal Drug Administration announced new regulations designed to make sunscreens more effective and easier to use. Manufacturers will be required to test their products’ effectiveness against sun rays that pose the greatest risk of skin cancer. Sunscreens that don’t protect us against both ultra violet A and B rays and have an SPF below 15 will have to carry a warning label that says “this product has been shown only to help prevent sunburn, not skin cancer or early skin aging”. Also, marketing claims like “waterproof and “sweat-proof” will be prohibited because the FDA says they are exaggerations. **June 7, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Blood Test”** – Locked deep in our DNA may be the answer to a question many of us don’t want to hear: How long will we live? Labs across the country are now selling blood tests to measure how old your body really is. Different from your age in years, the test looks at the length of telomeres. They are the tips on the end of chromosomes, essentially the genes that carry our DNA. Scientists believe the shorter the telomeres, the faster you are aging. Shortened telomeres may put you at a higher risk of cancer or heart disease. Stress can also speed up the aging process. Some doctors are concerned that knowing life expectancy could be emotionally harmful to patients. There’s even concern that predicting life span could lead to insurance companies denying coverage or charging higher fees.

DIVERSITY: Gay Marriage Ban, Chipotle Lawsuit

April 26, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Gay Marriage Ban” – The gay marriage ban is, once again, front and center at the state capitol. Republican lawmakers announced today, they’ll introduce a bill for a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage. Minnesota law already bans gay marriage and this new amendment goes one step further, banning it in the constitution, making it much harder to change. Republican leaders say they’re only responding to an outcry from the public. Democrats are calling it a distraction during a budget crisis. **May 13, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Chipotle Lawsuit”** – Chipotle is planning a vigorous defense against a lawsuit. A Mexican man is suing for racial and “national” discrimination at Chipotle’s Eden Prairie location. Laurencio Valadez said the alleged discrimination took place in July of 2009. He’s 39 years old, but was carded when he ordered a beer at the restaurant. He presented his Mexican passport but workers said that form of identification was unacceptable and wouldn’t sell him the beer. Minnesota law says foreign passports are sufficient for proof of age.

ENVIRONMENT: Hazardous Waste Collection, Blue Herons,

June 9, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Hazardous Waste Collection”- The City of St. Louis Park and Hennepin County are holding a community collection event so people can safely and properly dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous waste. This also includes items containing mercury, electronics and auto and fuel waste. The drop-off locations will be open for the next three days. **June 9, 2011, WCCO 4 News” – “Blue Herons”** – The tornado that destroyed so many homes in North Minneapolis on May 22nd also caused devastation for a colony of birds. Two hundred nests at the blue heron rookery along the Mississippi River were torn apart. Many of the baby birds were killed. To everyone’s surprise, the herons are starting over, making a new home just a couple of miles down river. Park rangers counted at least 24 herons, not only building new nests, but incubating more eggs. They say heron chicks need three months to mature, and if we have a mild enough fall, the birds will have a good chance of survival.

YOUTH AND FAMILIES: **Rocori Safety, Bullying Study, Teen Driving**

April 25, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Rocori Safety” – Parents in Cold Spring are concerned about their kids safety at Rocori schools. In the past two weeks, there were two separate cases of students bring weapons to school in that school district. A 7th grade boy faces charges for bringing a loaded gun to the middle school. One week later, a girl was caught with a knife. Parents filled the school board meeting to voice their concerns and talk about the possibility of putting metal detectors in schools. **May 9, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Bullying Study”** - A new survey by the Minnesota Departments of Health and Education shows that more than half of Minnesota school kids have likely been bullied or have bullied other kids. The study also shows that 13 percent of kids say they are bullied regularly, meaning once a week or more. The study also found students who are mistreated are less likely to earn A’s or B’s. They skip school more and have higher rates of tobacco, alcohol and drug use. More than 130,000 students took part in the survey.

June 2, 2011, WCCO 4 News, “Teen Driving” - Traffic crashes are the number one killer of teens in Minnesota and nationwide. Those numbers go up in the summer when school is out. Senator Amy Klobuchar and the Minnesota Teen Safe Driving Coalition will be holding a news conference at Eden Prairie High School. It will spotlight the importance of safe driving and the powerful role police, parents and other teens can have in preventing crashes. Eden Prairie High School students will also sign a “no texting while driving” pledge. Senator Klobuchar is sponsoring a bill which would establish national standards for all states to implement graduated drivers license programs.